

A G E N D A



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 51

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with SUPERIOR STONE, INC., Austin TX, for cut limestone boulders for the Watershed Protection Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$339,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$113,000 for each extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$678,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$9,417 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget for the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Funding for the remaining 35 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Steve Cocke, Buyer II, 974-2003

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide limestone boulders for use in the construction of stream bank stabilization projects by field erosion repair crews that mitigate excessive stream bank erosion throughout the City of Austin.

Limestone boulders provide effective erosion resistance to creek embankments to protect structures (houses and buildings) and property. In addition, the placement of stacked boulders on the embankments have replaced gabion baskets as they have been proved to be more effective in reducing maintenance costs, because no steel is involved to corrode and cause failures.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Eleven notices were sent, including one WBE. There are no known MBEs available for this commodity. Two bids were received, with no response from the WBE.
- c. The pricing offered reflects a less than 1% increase to the last contract award in May 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Superior Stone is the current provider for the limestone boulders.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Watershed Protection & Development Review's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.